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The Athletics Didn't Take Four Straight From Giants, as Predicted in This Column, but They Took Four Out of Five, Which is Nearly as Good.

WHEN I ventured to state last week that in my opinion the Athletics looked good enough to win four straight from the Giants, I was not only wrong, but I was also wrong in my estimate of the Giants' chances. I was not only wrong, but I was also wrong in my estimate of the Giants' chances. I was not only wrong, but I was also wrong in my estimate of the Giants' chances.

My judgment was based upon a careful comparison of the Athletics and the Giants as individuals. The Athletics moved with a snap and vigor and a swift sureness unknown to the local team. Every man on the team had that "pep" which marks the successful athlete in any branch. There were no weak spots and there was no indication of quick work was necessary. Any man accustomed to studying athletics could see almost at a glance that they were likely to win. It wasn't taking a desperate risk even to suggest the likelihood of their getting four straight.

The Athletics didn't take four straight, but they took four out of five, which is nearly as good. And I see all the baseball experts agree that they came within an ace of taking that second game—the one Matty was himself by starting a ninth rally in the tenth inning.

The winning of the series was so slight a strain on Connie Mack's men that not one in the five games played did Mack think it necessary to slip in a pinch hitter or shift pitchers. He finished each game with the same nine men who started in the first inning.

BOBSON CHIP knocked out Frank Kline in the sixth round of the fight at Pittsburgh Saturday night. This is something of a sensation. Kline has been credited with the ownership of an iron jaw, and no other fighter has ever made much of an impression on him. He boasted that he had never been knocked down in his life. Yet Chip knocked him down twice, the second time so hard that the referee didn't think it necessary to finish the count.

As Chip has never shown such class before it may be possible that he had a little luck as well as a good punch. He is known as a rather wild boxer who does execution whenever he can land a blow.

If Chip wants to get rich right away he'll do well to go to France for over there Frank Kline is regarded as a real world's middleweight champion. The man who knocked out Kline could get a match with Carpenter, which would mean good money. Carpenter lost to Kline. Kline also beat Billy Papke in France, which made him a popular hero. Papke wasn't very popular.

THIS leaves the middleweight middle more muddled than ever. It would be a good thing for the class if some Tommy Ryan or Bob Fitzsimmons would come along and step in to show left and right. However there's no Fitzsimmons coming in the offing yet—that I can see.

JEFF SMITH, the New Jersey middleweight, has just fought Carpenter in a ten-round bout, losing the decision after a fairly even scrap. If Jeff can come as near as that to holding the French light heavyweight level, what possible chance can Carpenter ever have against a Gumbo Smith or a Frank Moran? It would be a joke to match these gentlemen against Jeff Smith. In fact, it's hardly likely that the boxing commissions would allow such a match to be fought.

Carpenter is matched against Bum-bardier Wells again, and they do say that the purse is \$20,000. If that isn't a ripe permission to be as hard as armor plate.

Quimet, the golf player, has been rather astonishingly unsuccessful of late. There's no reason, for all that, why his reputation as a golf player should suffer. The star athlete is the fellow who can do things in an emergency. Quimet proved that he can do that.

CHIEF BENDER didn't see the last game of the series. After winning his game the day before, he suggested to Connie Mack that he'd like to stay down in Philadelphia and play golf—as he would be needed any more this season. Mack let him stay. Not a all confident—those Athletics!

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IT'S ALL OVER BUT SPENDING THE MONEY

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Athletics Best Ball Team
Ever Assembled, Proved
By Result of Big Series

Connie Mack's Club More Powerful Than That of the Giants of 1905 or the Cubs of 1907 and 1908—Eddie Collins Best Player in Game.

By Bozeman Bulger.

EACH player of the Champion Athletics will receive a check for \$3,246.92 tonight or to-morrow.

Each player of the defeated Giants will receive a check for \$2,162.92 to-night.

That difference in money just about marks the difference in playing strength of the two clubs.

The World's Series of 1913 has proved, after all, that baseball does run to form. It has long been a hobby with John McGraw that baseball figures never lie and are pretty accurate guides as to results. There have been a few exceptions, such as the case of the White Sox against the Cubs in 1906, but this time the figures did not vary a dot. The Athletics had the better club, according to all figures, and won in that proportion.

The World's Series just ended has also proved that the Athletics are the best piece of baseball machinery that was ever assembled. Their machine is more powerful than that of the Giants of 1905 or the Cubs of 1907 and '08. Aside from the old Baltimore Orioles, which the modern day fan does not remember very well, the old Giants and the old Cubs were generally referred to as the last word in baseball perfection. But neither of them were as powerful as are the Athletics today.

Connie Mack has the best baseball club ever put together. They have a defense that can check any kind of hitting strength and they have driving force that no modern pitching has been able to stop.

If the Athletics should win the pennant next season, which they likely will, they will also win the world's series. It is hardly possible that any manager can build a winning machine between now and then that can stop them. The Athletics are mostly young men and will not wear out for several years. Two of their best pitchers are growing old, but Connie Mack has a crop of youngsters coming on that will be just as good.

PITCHER PLANK'S OWN MUFF PREVENTED A SHUT-OUT.

In other words, the Athletics are strong enough, with poorer pitching, to beat the Giants, with better pitching. Don't understand me to intimate that Eddie Plank pitched poor ball. I merely use the case in point for illustration.

As a matter of fact, Plank pitched one of the most wonderful games ever seen on a diamond. He had to pitch more balls than Matty in doing it, but he should have had a shut out. His own muffed ball prevented it.

The much talked of pitching strength of the Giants did not materialize. Outside of Mathewson not one of the Giants pitched a good game. He was the only one who pitched a good game. He was the only one who pitched a good game.

In addition to the things above enumerated, that proved the Athletics to be the greatest of all baseball machines, the late series prove to my satisfaction, beyond all doubt, that Eddie Collins is the greatest baseball player in the world. You may have your Cobb and your Spinkers, but Collins towers above them both for all around ability. He was in front, leading the attack, at all times. Collins is a much better batter than Baker and a much better pitcher than Baker. Collins is a much better pitcher than Baker.

Hard Luck for McGraw to Lose Three World's Series.

It is humiliating to McGraw to lose three World's Series in a row, but it is not humiliating to him. He is not a man who is easily discouraged. He is a man who is not easily discouraged.

Giants and White Sox to Start
On World's Tour Thursday

Manager McGraw to-day announces the make-up of the team which he'll take around the world in company of the White Sox for the purpose of giving exhibitions of our national pastime to the people of the four quarters of the globe. The team is as follows:

Chief Meyers of the Giants and Ivy Wingo of St. Louis, catchers; Mathewson, Tereau, Promme, Witte and Bunn Hearn, one of McGraw's recruits; Merkle and Doyle in their regular positions; with Mike Doolan and Hans Lobert of the Phillies completing the infield; Snodgrass, Jim Thorpe and Lee Magee of St. Louis in the outfield. The players will leave New York next Thursday, and the first game of the tour will be played on Saturday at Cincinnati.

Manager Jimmy Callahan has not yet officially announced the members of his team. The players, however, are generally known, as many have announced their acceptance of President Comiskey's invitation to make the long journey. Few of the White Sox players will go along, and no less than six American League clubs are represented in the ten players already announced.

This number includes Pitchers Ben and Scott and infielder Weaver of the White Sox, Catcher Henry and infielder McBride and Schaefer of Washington, Pitcher Levers of St. Louis, Infielder Peckinpah of New York, Outfielder Crawford of Detroit and Lewis of Boston. The team shapes up more as an All-American League aggregation, but will carry the name of Chicago White Sox to the various sections of the globe.

Bill Klem of the National League Staff and Kid Gleason, who has been with the Sox all season as coach and assistant manager, will most likely act as umpires on the junkie.

Giants' World's Series Money
Held Up by National Commission

Players Who Signed Contracts After Sept. 27 to Write for Newspapers May Be Penalized.

When the New York Giants applied to the National Commission yesterday for the players' share of the World's Series receipts they didn't get the money. They were informed that the commission wished first to see the contracts of the players-authors who are members of the Giants, so that it might be assured their engagements to report the World's Series were entered into before Sept. 27.

Before the start of the series last week the National Commission laid down the rule that no baseball player or manager might write for the newspapers during the series. It was decided, however, that players who had contracts dated before Sept. 27 might go ahead with their writing this year.

Half a dozen members of the Giants wrote newspaper articles on the series during the play of last week. Now the share because of the fine of that amount inflicted upon Arthur Fletcher for his excited conversation with Empire City last Thursday at the Polo Grounds. The Giants themselves voted \$1,000 of their money to the widow of John Murphy, the ground keeper at the Polo Grounds for many years, who died recently.

Manager John McGraw of the Giants talked with the commission afterward

Plank Denies
He'll Retire

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 12.—Eddie Plank, veteran pitcher of the Athletics and who was victorious in the last game of the world's series against the Giants Saturday, took occasion today to deny reports that he had declared his intention of retiring from baseball.

"I did say last year that I was going to retire," said Plank, "but I have not spoken of it this year and have no idea where the news started. I feel in fine shape and could pitch again to-morrow if Connie Mack wanted me to do so."

Plank had intended leaving today for his home in Gettysburg, but later changed his mind and will be the guest of Harry Davis at his home here for a few days.

O'TOOLE LEADS FIELD IN CROSS-COUNTRY RUN.

Dennis O'Toole, a rangy lad representing the Mohawk A. C. of the Bronx, led a field of two hundred and fifty runners yesterday over a six-mile course, the trail of which was laid on the hills of West Hoboken and Union Hill. Although pressed from end to end by many in the big squad which contained the pick of the men in the metropolitan district the Winged Arrow boy continued a smooth running style and at the end won in handy fashion by about fifty yards.

Yale Team Badly Crippled
Tigers Are Short of Punters

Six Varsity Players at New Haven Out of Game. Some of Them for Season. Only Good Kickers at Princeton Are Those Who Are Absolutely Impossible as Players.

(Special to The Evening World.) NEW HAVEN, Oct. 12.—While the hospital list of the Yale football squad has been kept very low this year, owing to the excellent work of Trainer Mack, just now several of the varsity stars are laid up and the coaches are hampered in their building up of a team from a not too promising bunch of material.

When the cars start for Yale field from the gymnasium this afternoon two more of the varsity men will be among the missing—the baseball pitcher, and Wiser, the halfback.

Gile is Yale's best end at the present time, but is in the hospital suffering from a twisted knee and will be kept away from the field for at least two weeks.

Wiser played a good game against Lafayette and with withdrawal from the game only when he sprained his ankle in the third period.

Pumpelly is still out because of his muscle bruise, and the most optimistic Yale man does not think Yale can win without the great kicker and line plunger.

Markie, another first string varsity back, is also laid up. He has broken a piece of bone on his elbow. Harrison, a varsity guard, is out because of a badly sprained shoulder and it is doubtful if he will play any more. Coover, who since the injury to Harrison has been playing guard, is also laid up with a twisted knee.

Thus the Yale coaches this afternoon will start to build up a team with six of the varsity men in the hospital, some of them for the remainder of the season.

These facts, combined with the optimistic stories emanating from Cambridge, have put Howard Jones more than ever on his metal, and his word is now law on the gridiron, all the returning graduate coaches presenting their views to him before trying to work them out on the candidates for the varsity.

WOMEN'S NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIP
OPENS TO-DAY

Miss Muriel Dodd the Visitor Most Likely to Win Golf Cup at Wilmington.

(Special to The Evening World.) WILMINGTON, Del., Oct. 12.—The Women's National Championship, in which all the stars of American and Europe are entered, opens here to-day. It is expected that the event will prove the most interesting of its kind ever held.

The entrants indulged in their final practice rounds on the links of the Wilmington Country Club, where the championship is held, yesterday.

There is a rule here that caddies cannot be employed on the Saturday, which meant that many of the women had to shoulder their burdens. Those who did not were fortunate in having valet friends on hand.

Miss Muriel Dodd, of Westbury, the Metropolitan champion, got going better than on Saturday, though she is not playing in anything like the form that carried her to the top of the list in the tournament at Nassau last spring.

Miss Fanny Osgood, the Massachusetts title holder, played well in a three ball affair with Miss Eleanor W. Allen of Oakley and Miss W. S. Hill of the Home Club on Saturday. Miss Osgood had a fine 5 and she was around in 30 yesterday.

Miss Edith Nisbet of the local club had a 31.

Although the international match on Saturday resulted in a victory for the British-Canadian team, the victory was by no means a one-sided one, and except for the defeat of the American champion, Miss Margaret Curtis, at the hands of Miss Muriel Dodd, the holder of the British and Canadian titles, the match gave no indication of any great superiority on the part of the foreign players.

Miss Gladys Ravenscroft, the British champion of a year ago, defeated Miss Lillian B. Hyde by only 1 up. Miss R. H. Barlow, despite a wrenched shoulder, carried Miss Violet Peoley to the seventeenth green. Miss Marion Hollins, the metropolitan champion, was rather badly beaten, but she won the three other matches. Miss Harriett S. Curtis, Miss Georgianna M. Bishop and Miss Kate C. Harley, won their matches.

Miss Dodd, by defeating Miss Margaret Curtis by the comfortable margin of 6 up and 3 to play demonstrated once more that she is the visitor who is most likely to win the championship and take the Robert Club cup back to England with her. From the showing made on Saturday it looks as though the American women have a good chance of making one of the remainder of the visitors, but that against Miss Dodd it will be a different story.

BASEBALL NOTES.

POTTSVILLE, Oct. 12.—Almost within sight of Lehighville, the birthplace of Jake Daubert, premier batsman of the National League, the Brooklyn Dodgers defeated the crack Pottsville team on the latter's new grounds by the opening score of 15 to 3. Yingling pitched the first five innings of the game and Warner succeeded him. Both did effective work.

Walter Johnson, star pitcher of the American League, went on the mound for his all star team against the strong suburban A. A. at Sunnyside, N. Y., won a 4 to 3 victory. This sportstop for the Senators, got to the Senators for three hits in four times at bat. Johnson struck out fifteen batters.

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